

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DAMASC 04988 291253Z

43

ACTION OPIC-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 OMB-01

AID-05 IGA-02 L-03 /035 W

----- 057864

R 291222Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8869

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DAMASCUS 4988

STATE OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, SY

SUBJECT: OPIC AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA

REF: (A) STATE 185853, (B) STATE 183448, (C) DAMASCUS 4758

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED 7/29 SYRIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
NOTE DATED JULY 27 STATING CONCERNED AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED  
TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH USG WITH REFERENCE TO GUARANTIES  
FOR U.S. INVESTMENTS IN SYRIA BY MEANS OF AN OPIC AGREEMENT.

2. EMBASSY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF TEXT OF SIDE  
LETTER FOR OPIC AGREEMENT, REF A, AND HAS PREPARED APPROPRIATE  
LETTER (CURRENTLY UNDATED) FROM AMBASSADOR TO MIN ECON IMADI  
IN ENGLISH AND ARABIC BASED ON OPIC TEXT. WE PLAN TO SUBMIT  
LETTER TO IMADI WITH COVERING LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE  
REQUESTING HIS APPROVAL OF OPIC TEXT. HOWEVER, SINCE WE HAVE  
NOT YET BEEN INSTRUCTED RE ACTUAL CIRCULAR 175 CLEARANCE (REF B),  
WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO WITHHOLD SENDING LETTER AND SIDE  
LETTER TEXT TO IMADI UNTIL DEPT INFORMS US OF 175 CLEARANCE.

3. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT DELAY NOT BE LONG; WE UNDERSTOOD  
FROM STATE 113580 OF MAY 9 THAT DEPT WAS "GOING AHEAD AT  
ONCE WITH CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY," AND AS DEPT AND OPIC AWARE,  
IMADI GAVE SARG APPROVAL ON JULY 8. WE NOW HAVE OFFICIAL MFA  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DAMASC 04988 291253Z

NOTE AND OF COURSE WANT TO RESPOND VERY SOON SO AS TO

SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE THIS EFFORT WE ALL HAVE MADE OVER PAST  
YEAR OR MORE.

4. REQUEST REPLY ON CIRCULAR 175 STATUS.  
PELLETREAU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** LOAN AGREEMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 29 JUL 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976DAMASC04988  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760293-0424  
**From:** DAMASCUS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760710/aaaaainw.tel  
**Line Count:** 66  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION OPIC  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 STATE 185853, 76 STATE 183448, 76 DAMASCUS 4758  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22 JUN 2004 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 OCT 2004 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** OPIC AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA  
**TAGS:** EINV, SY, OPIC  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006